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REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 5-12 were currently pending in the patent application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 5, 7, 9 and 11 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by the Lyapustina patent; and, has rejected Claims 2, 6, and 8 as unpatentable over Lyapustina in view of the Microsoft reference. The Examiner has additionally indicated that Claims 10 and 12 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims.

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel the non-allowed claims, amend Claim 10 with all of the limitations of Claim 9 and amend Claim 12 with all of the limitations of Claim 11. Applicants believe that the amendments place the remaining claims in condition for allowance.

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